



February 22, 2023

*Testimony in H.B. No. 6659 (COMM) AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM
ENDING JUNE 30, 2025 AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR*

Chairmen and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am Anne Manusky, 24 year Connecticut resident, wife, mother, former Licensed Professional Counselor, and current President of the CT Republican Assembly.

The CT Republican Assembly has members and friends totalling over 500 Republicans and conservatives across the eight counties of Connecticut who stand firm in our principles and unalienable Rights under the US Constitution, as well as the Rights and responsibilities within the Connecticut Constitution.

There is widespread concern in regard to public education in Connecticut. It is unfortunate that the [enrollment in Connecticut public schools](#) has had a downward spiral in the last 10 years, and that the State Board and Secretary of Education continue to ignore this fact.

Having followed specifically CT education policies for the last 10 years, I have always hoped that the Session will provide improvement in education. I had hoped something in the Department of Education's recommendations would find improvement, but it's not so. In reading this bill, there was no mention in changing [Common Core](#), [CRT](#), [Social Emotional Learning](#) or [Comprehensive Sexuality Education](#) all which exist in some form or another under the State Department of Education promotions in state statutes and Department Policies.

The Healthy and Balanced Living Framework, which was [exposed for the gender push](#) would be brought into a new light and revised. None of this was in the recommendation.

How can the Legislature appropriate funds for elementary and secondary education when there are critical issues in Connecticut's public education system -- for over 10 years?? The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over and looking for a different outcome -- we are there in public education.

[Many states are choosing to have their state boards of education leave the National Board of Education](#) since Merritt Garland and our former Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona considered parents akin to "domestic terrorists"? -- this may be another way of reducing costs and improving education.

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Additionally, appropriations should not be considered until the [“Double Funding”](#) issue is remediated by the ED Committee: I brought this up at yesterday’s ED Committee Hearing and was informed by the Chairman Curry and Ranking Member McCarthy that today’s Hearing in Appropriations was the place to discuss my concerns.

Our legislators are to Represent the People: The People are tired of the lack of education in our public schools and expect a remedy this session.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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President